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MONTGOMERY JOB CORPS STUDENT WINS REGIONAL AWARD Joseph Williams Named Job Corps' Southeast Student of the Month

ATLANTA – The Job Corps Atlanta Region, which includes seven states and 19 centers in the Southeast, has selected Montgomery Job Corps Center's Joseph Williams as its Student of the Month.

Williams, 21, is currently working toward the completion of his training in clerical occupations. In addition to taking classes, Williams works in the center's cafeteria and is an intern in the Business Community Liaison's office. Montgomery is the farthest that Williams has ever traveled from home.

"I came to Job Corps to learn a trade and go to college," Williams said. "The lesson I will take with me is: Here to learn, depart to earn."

Williams, a native of Eufaula, Al., credits Job Corps for not only giving him the chance to get training and prepare himself for college, but also the chance to meet new people, some of whom he now considers good friends.

"The best advice I can give people is be strong, listen to your instructors, hang around positive people and stay out of trouble," Williams said.

Williams was selected as Student of the Month by Job Corps Atlanta Region staff, which receives submissions from 19 centers in seven states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Williams is currently featured on the Region's Web site at www.jobcorpsregion3.com.

Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation's largest job-training program, annually serving 65,000 participants ages 16 through 24. There are 120 Job Corps centers nationwide. Its goal is to help economically disadvantaged youth find promising careers by providing comprehensive services in a residential setting, including education, vocational skills training and counseling. For enrollment information, call (800) 733-JOBS.

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